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Dear Will

Haringey's ambitions for the London Streetspace Plan

Thank you for the opportunity for Haringey to bid for funding through the ambitious London Streetspace Plan (LSP).

Haringey has acted swiftly in response to the Covid-19 crisis by implementing **pavement widening at various 'pinch points'** across the borough.

We have also published our high-level plans for **active travel to aid social distancing** at the same time as launching a **'Commonplace' interactive map** consultation for residents and businesses to put forward their suggestions for active travel interventions where we have already had over 1,200 comments in one week. Suggestions from residents have helped inform our approach and will also be used for our longer-term plans too.

Our commitment to active travel is not new, we have a long-term commitment as set out in our **Borough Plan**. Our **Transport Strategy** has a vision to make "**active travel the default choice, with more people choosing to travel by walking or cycling**". Active travel also supports our **Climate Change Action Plan** to address the **Climate Emergency** as well as the **Air Quality Action Plan** and our emerging **School Streets Plan**.

We are also working on a **Walking and Cycling Action Plan** to be consulted on later this year, but have accelerated some of the projects emerging from this to provide a strategic framework and detailed justification for our LSP bids in response to the current crisis.

We know you are fully aware of our ongoing objectives for the **Liveable Neighbourhood at Crouch End** and we hope that in due course Transport for London (TfL) will be able to revive the funding for this and for the latest round of bids for which we submitted a **Liveable Neighbourhood for Tottenham** project. We have included both Crouch End and Tottenham in our LSP bids building on the work already done. We were very pleased to invite you to speak at the inaugural **Liveable Neighbourhoods Conference 2019** here in Haringey and I am sure you found the day inspiring and productive and that this helped demonstrate Haringey's commitment to active travel further.

You also recently discussed with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ejiofor, shortly before the Covid-19 crisis, the Council's support for implementing **Cycle Future Route 2 (CFR2)** through the borough and we were pleased to hear your commitment to this. CFR2 also is a key part of our LSP bids and its full implementation is dependent on TfL delivery on its own roads too.

We appreciate the time you have taken to discuss the LSP with **London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee** at recent meetings which Cllr Hearn has been fully engaged in.

We also appreciate the speed that you and TfL have worked, particularly given the difficult financial circumstances faced. Similarly as you will know, London boroughs are facing difficult financial circumstances in light of the Covid-19 crisis and so we must stress the importance of funding from TfL to support the LSP in Haringey, help tackle the pandemic and support our residents and businesses.

We are writing to **seek your support for our ambitious bids to the LSP** which we have submitted:

- Retrospective pavement widening
- Further pavement widening
- Pavement widening Crouch End
- Roundway / Lordship Lane / Downhills Way improvements
- Cycle parking
- 20mph speed management
- Crouch End Cycle Route
- Cycle Superhighway 1 (CS1) improvements
- Cycle Superhighway 1 (CS1) extension
- Cycle Future Route 2 (CFR2)

Our work does not stop there, with more bids being submitted to TfL very shortly:

- Removal of pavement parking
- Cycle 'Quietway 10' (QW10)
- Cycle north-south route Wood Green to Manor House
- Low Traffic Neighbourhood Tottenham
- Low Traffic Neighbourhood St Ann's / Green Lanes
- School Streets

We are keen to continue this ongoing collaboration with yourself and TfL through our funding bids for the LSP, future funding rounds, and also our longer-term plans for walking & cycling in Haringey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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